

# Recreational Fisheries Discussion

Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee

**December 5, 2013** 



### **Recreational Fishing Statistics (2011)**

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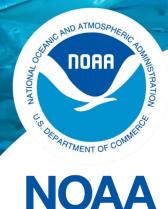
**70** million trips

**364,000** jobs supported

\$74
billion in sales & income impacts

11 million anglers

More than just an enjoyable way to spend time with friends and family...



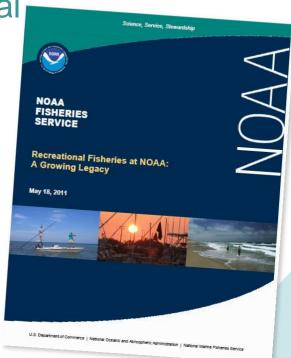
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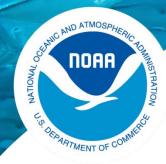
### Recreational Fisheries Engagement

Establish a strong and trusting partnership with the recreational fishing community through action

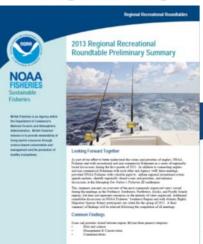
### **Engagement Initiative Pillars:**

- Fishing Opportunities
- Recreational Catch and Effort Data
- Socio-economic data
- Communications
- Institutional Orientation





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## **2013 Primary Focus**

- Regional recreational fisheries roundtables (Spring)
- Managing Our Nations Fisheries III (Spring)
- National angler perceptions survey (analysis ongoing)
- MAFAC Recreational Fisheries Working Group white paper (ongoing)
  - Regional recreational action agendas (ongoing)
  - Recreational release mortality (ongoing)
  - "Idle Iron"

NOAA Fisheries Saltwater Recreational Fishing Attitudes and Preferences



Introduction

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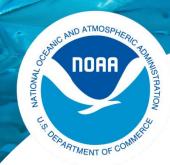
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### Regional Recreational Fisheries Roundtables (Jan. – May 2013)

#### **KEY FINDINGS**

#### Data & Science

- Confidence in catch/effort data varies, but is generally low
- Interest in electronic self-reported data systems
- Better quantify recreational releases & mortality rates

### Management

- Management too biologically conservative
- Inadequate understanding of cumulative effects of lost of fishing opportunities from all sources
- Stability desired





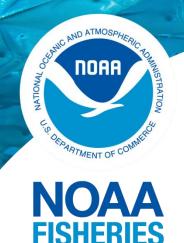
# Managing Our Nation's Fisheries III

#### Themes

- Improving Fishery Management Essentials
- Advancing Ecosystem-based Decision-making
- Providing for Fishing Community Sustainability

### Key Findings – Recreational Discussions

- More and better communication & representation
- Explore management alternatives to MSY
- Additional flexibility re: Annual Catch Limits
- Standardize and require review of allocation decisions
- Expand socio-economic analysis requirements and application of results
- More cooperative research



# Angler Opinions and Perceptions Survey

First nation-wide survey of anglers attitudes and opinions related to recreational saltwater fishing quality and management.

- 9,000+ anglers responded
- 22 coastal states Continental U.S. and AK

### **Benefits**

- Provides a snapshot of current perceptions
- Establishes baseline against which to judge performance
- Allows for more informed decision-making

### **Key Findings**

- 1. Anglers are optimistic about the future.
- 2. Anglers go fishing for a variety of reasons.
- 3. Anglers prefer management that protects access and opportunity.
- 4. Anglers would like management to improve.
- 5. Anglers possess a strong conservation ethic.





Plan to take the same number or more trips next year as last.







# Fishing is about both access and opportunity.

Anglers prefer management strategies that preserve fishing opportunities:

# Minimum sizes Artificial habitats Bag limits Closed areas

Shorter seasons



### Management can improve.

- ✓ Provide more fish.
- ✓ Better incorporate angler input in decision-making.
- ✓ Use high-quality data in assessments.
- ✓ Enforce regulations.
- ✓ Ensure consistent state/fed regulations.
- ✓ Make regulations simpler.

o Important to have my voice

heard. Satisfied my perspective is adequately considered.



### Anglers have a strong conservation ethic.

Believe it's important to ensure high 95% quality fishing for future generations.

Strong support for conservation goals. Recovering

depleted fish

stocks

**Protecting** threatened and endangered species

Restoring Habitat

Reducing mortality of released fish





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### On the Horizon

#### 2014

- Recreational economics workshop (Jan.)
- Regional recreational action agendas (Jan.)
- National Saltwater Recreational Fisheries Summit II (April 2014)
- Next generation national recreational action agenda (Fall)



### **Thank You**

Questions?

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